

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0032] on page 14 of the specification as filed with the following amended paragraph:

The term “homologous protein” as used herein means a protein comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 85% (preferably 90% or more, most preferably 95% or more) homology (sequence identity) with a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 38, or 40, and having an endoglucanase activity whose reduction in the presence of a surfactant is small. The homology as used herein is shown as the value (identity) calculated by FASTA3 [Science, 227, 1435-1441(1985); Proc.Natl.Acad.Sci.USA, 85, 2444-2448(1988); <http://www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/E-mail/homology-j.html>], a known homology search program, in accordance with default parameters.